and strategy in the negotiations so as to safeguard India's interests and concerns across all areas of the Doha Work Programme.

Industrial backward areas in Rajasthan

2736. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified 'industrial backward areas', in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any action plan for the development of such backward areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what specific steps are being taken by Government for their development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue has notified, for the purposes of income tax exemption, a list of industrially backward districts in the country under the Income Tax Act wherein Jalore, Barmer, Jaisalmer, Churu and Banswara districts have been specified in Category 'A' and Dungarpur, Dholpur, Sawai Madhopur, Tonk, Nagaur, Jhalawar and Sikar Districts in Category 'B' of industrially backward districts in the State of Rajasthan.

(c) to (e) Concerted efforts are being made by State and Central Governments for development of backward areas under various schemes *inter-alia* providing for fiscal concessions, improved industrial infrastructure and a conducive investment climate for setting up of industries. Under the various schemes being operated by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion for industrial development, 5 proposals under the Growth Centre Scheme, one proposal under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme and 42 Proposals under the Industrial Park Scheme have been approved for the State of Rajasthan.